



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 3, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department goes to great lengths to pursue collection of child support payments on behalf of families in need, and often seeks to establish cooperative relationships with the parent required to pay child support. As a last resort, if all enforcement remedies have failed to generate a payment of child support, a letter is sent to the noncustodial parent (NCP) informing them that a warrant will be issued for their arrest if they don't show up at court. This has often proven to be an effective tool to initiate cooperation.

“In certain extreme cases, if the person still does not respond, then a warrant is issued for their arrest. This is an appropriate measure to take, however the Department does not currently have the means by which to proactively serve the warrant. There are possible solutions to this problem, including a partnership with the District Attorney that could be explored, utilizing retired District Attorney Investigators to perform this work.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Director of Child Support Services was instructed to consult with the District Attorney's office to explore the feasibility and cost benefits of increasing enforcement of child support cases referred to criminal prosecution and report back to the Board within 45 days.

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